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THE MEDICAL TERM IS **AMBULANS MORTUUS**, YOU PROBABLY KNOW THEM AS THE UNDEAD, GHOULS, ZOMBIES, THE RESURRECTED, THE RESTLESS...

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO CALL THEM, YOU CAN BE SURE OF ONE THING...

...THEY'RE BACK AND THEY'RE HUNGRY.



I AM SCREWED.

I AM SO FUCKING SCREWED!

HEY, BE COOL, MIKEY. THEY CAN'T TOUCH US HERE.

AND YOUR FAMILY IS SAFE IN ATLANTA, SO WHAT'S TO WORRY ABOUT?



YOUR COLLEAGUES SENT THESE OVER FOR YOU.

THEY SAID TO TELL YOU IT'S THE HAIR OF THE DOG THAT BIT YOU.

WHAT ARE THEY?

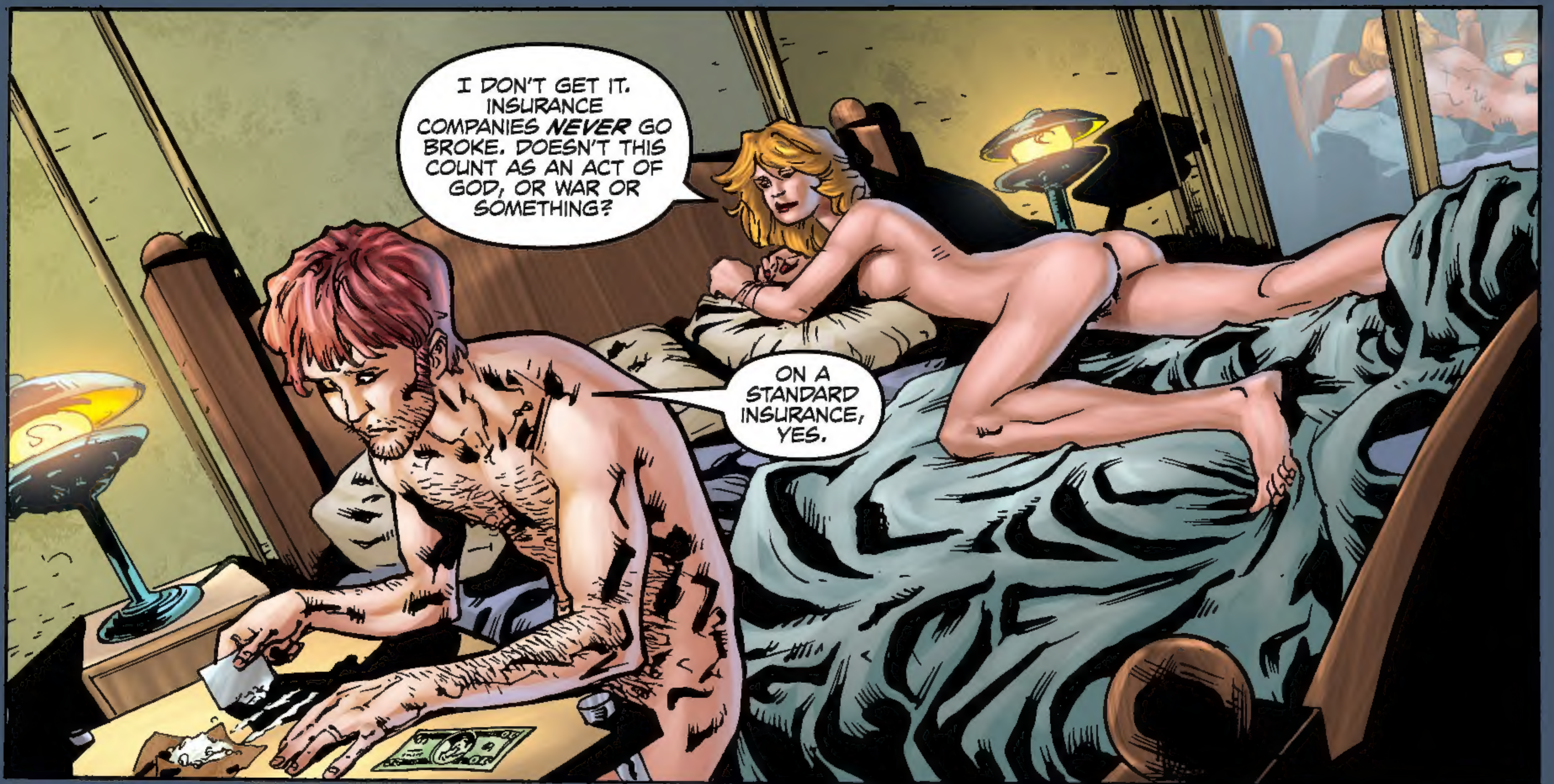


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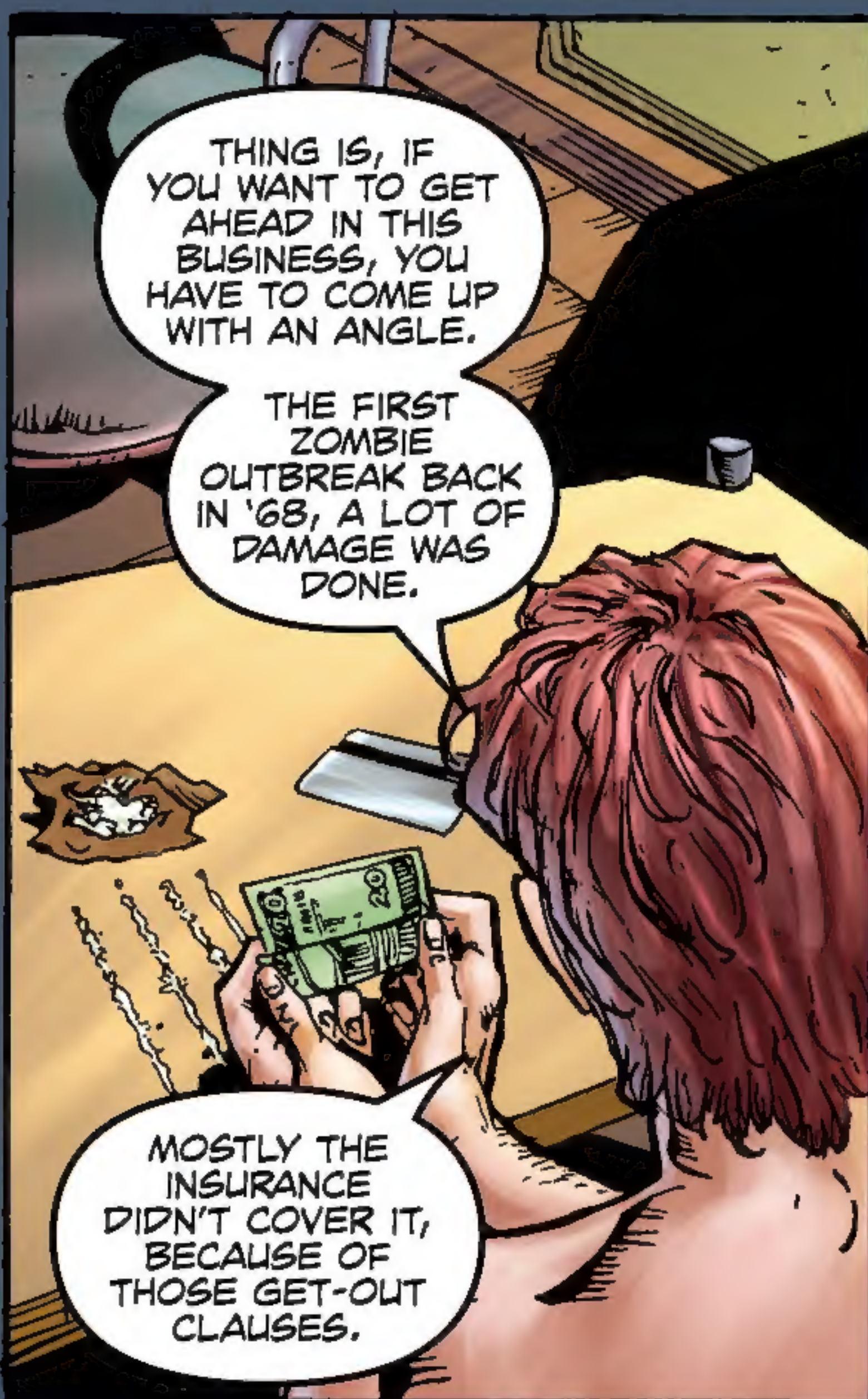
FUCKWITS.





I DON'T GET IT.  
INSURANCE  
COMPANIES *NEVER* GO  
BROKE. DOESN'T THIS  
COUNT AS AN ACT OF  
GOD, OR WAR OR  
SOMETHING?

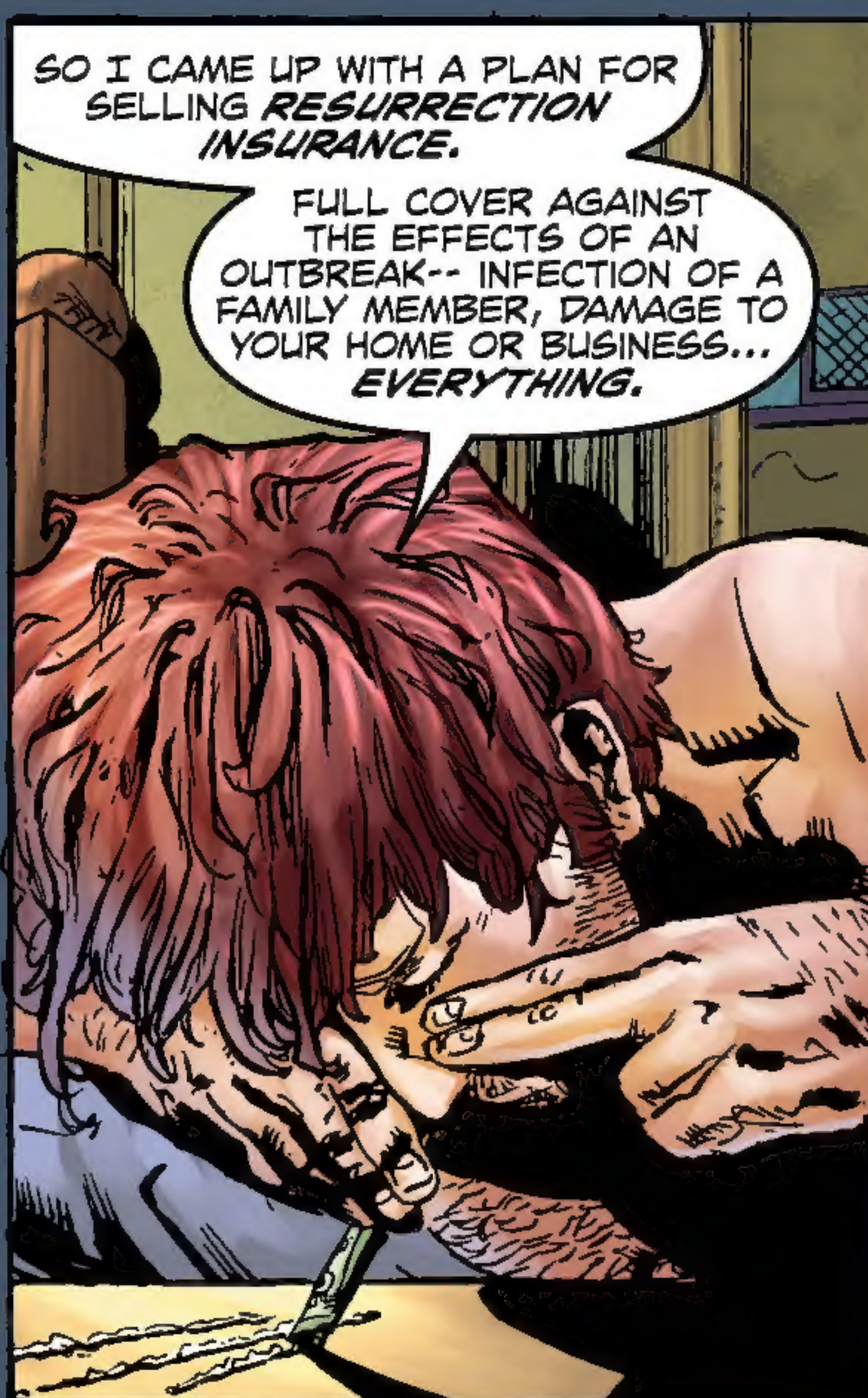
ON A  
STANDARD  
INSURANCE,  
YES.



THING IS, IF  
YOU WANT TO GET  
AHEAD IN THIS  
BUSINESS, YOU  
HAVE TO COME UP  
WITH AN ANGLE.

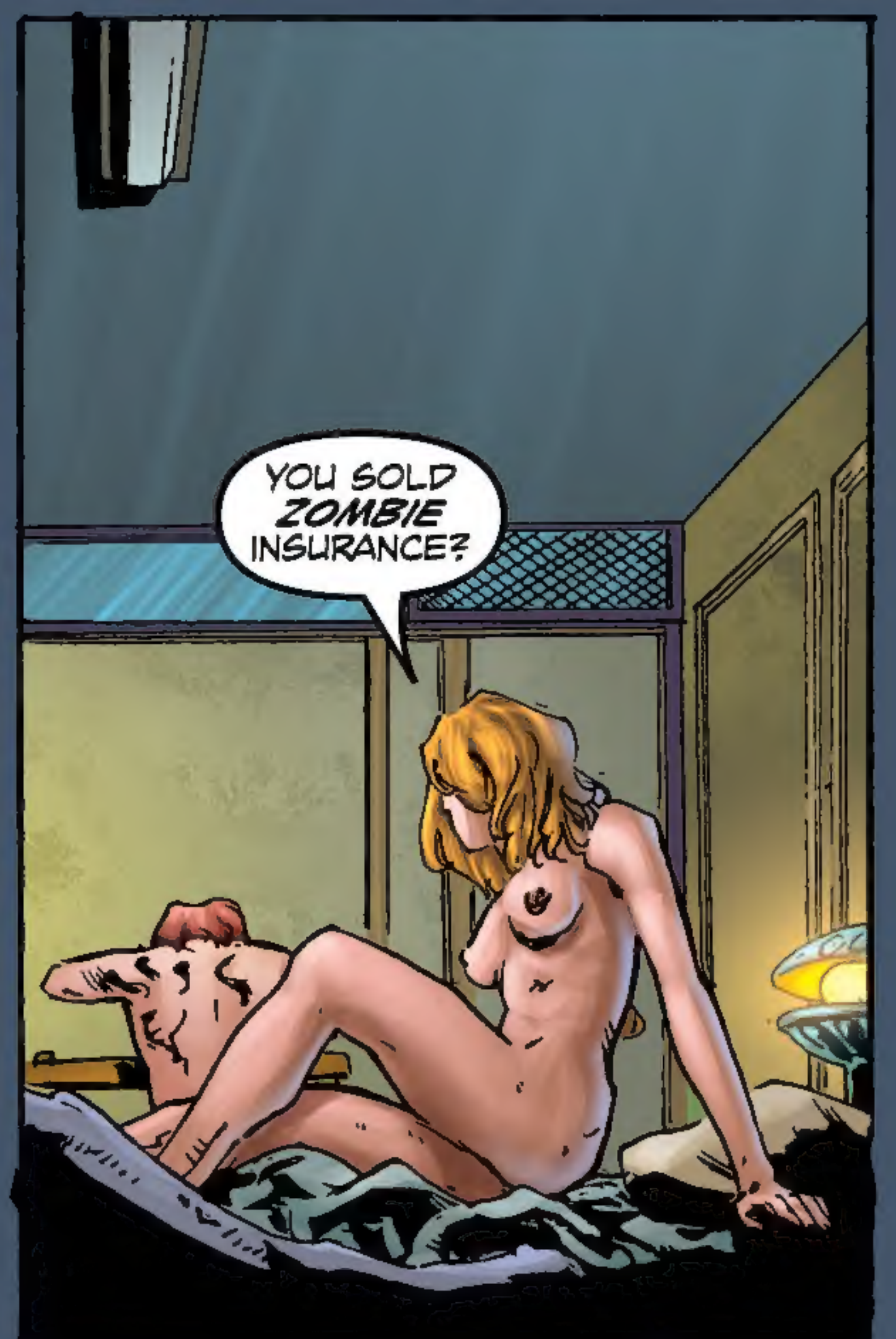
THE FIRST  
ZOMBIE  
OUTBREAK BACK  
IN '68, A LOT OF  
DAMAGE WAS  
DONE.

MOSTLY THE  
INSURANCE  
DIDN'T COVER IT,  
BECAUSE OF  
THOSE GET-OUT  
CLAUSES.



SO I CAME UP WITH A PLAN FOR  
SELLING *RESURRECTION*  
*INSURANCE*.

FULL COVER AGAINST  
THE EFFECTS OF AN  
OUTBREAK-- INFECTION OF A  
FAMILY MEMBER, DAMAGE TO  
YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS...  
*EVERYTHING*.

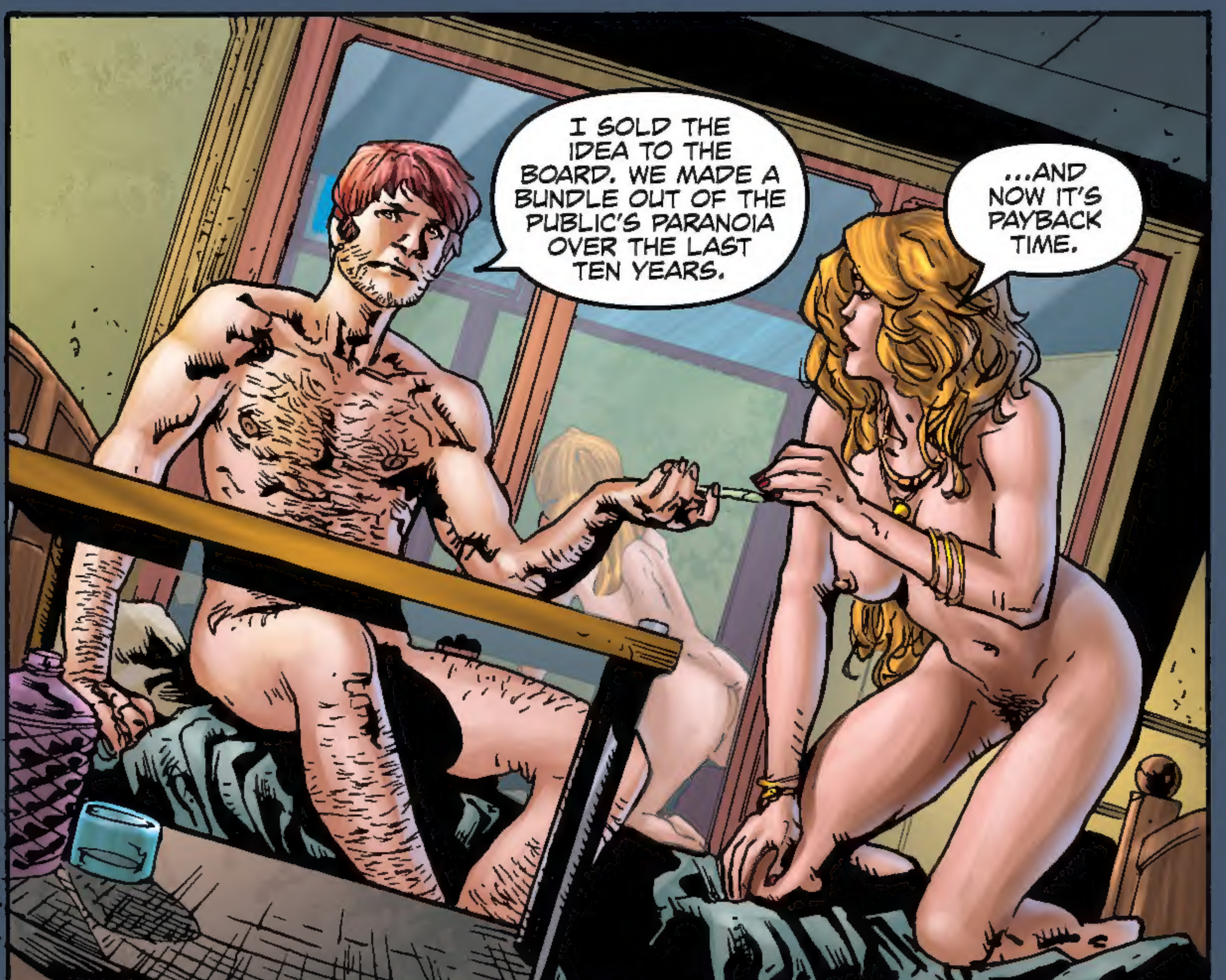


YOU SOLD  
*ZOMBIE*  
INSURANCE?



IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SURE THING.  
THE SCIENTISTS SAID IT WAS UNDER  
CONTROL.

THERE WAS A  
LESS THAN FIVE  
PERCENT POSSIBILITY OF  
ANOTHER MAJOR  
OUTBREAK.



I SOLD THE  
IDEA TO THE  
BOARD. WE MADE A  
BUNDLE OUT OF THE  
PUBLIC'S PARANOIA  
OVER THE LAST  
TEN YEARS.

...AND  
NOW IT'S  
PAYBACK  
TIME.



THE COMPANY WILL SURVIVE, AS LONG AS THE OUTBREAK IS CONTAINED. BUT I APPEAR TO BE OUT OF A JOB.

SO, YOU'RE GOING HOME?

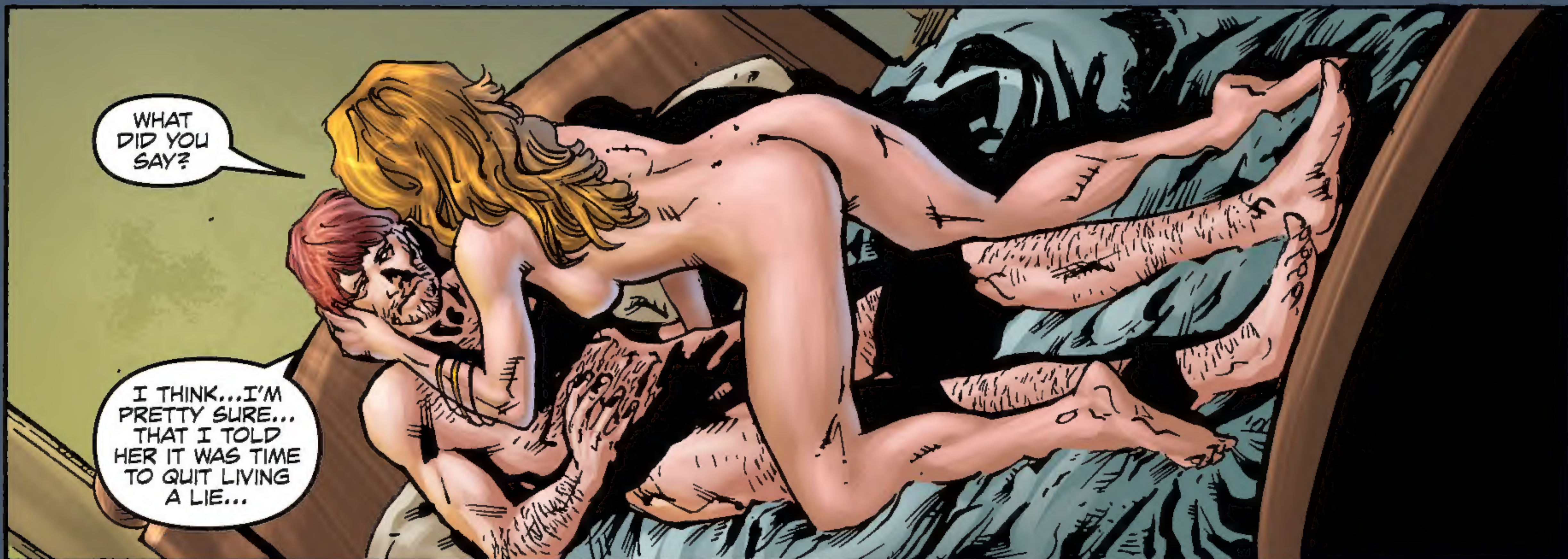
I KIND OF SCREWED UP THERE TOO.



I CALLED JACQUELINE LAST NIGHT. LEFT A MESSAGE ON THE MACHINE.

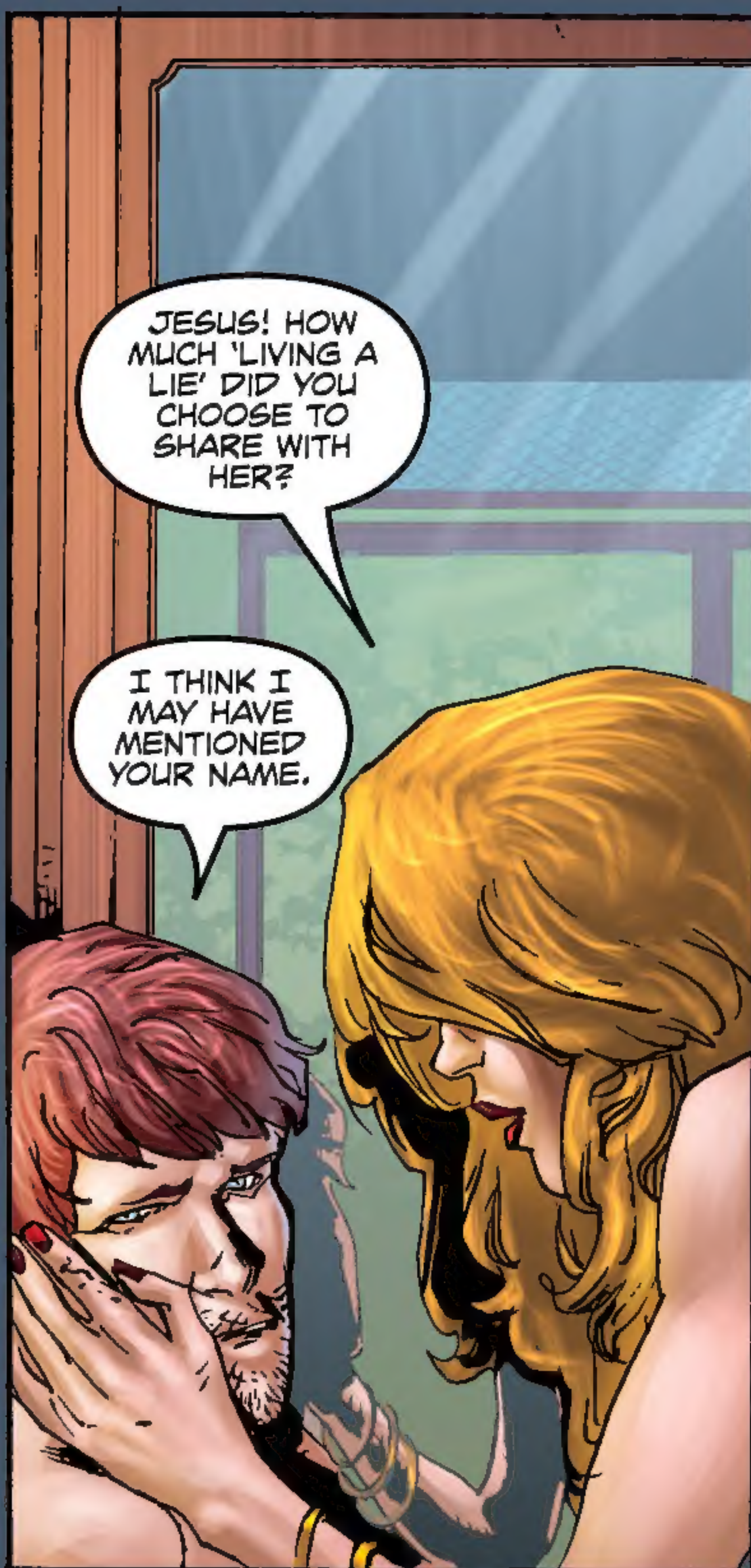
LAST NIGHT?

MIKE, LAST NIGHT YOU WERE SO DRUNK YOU COULDN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UPRIGHT AND HORIZONTAL.



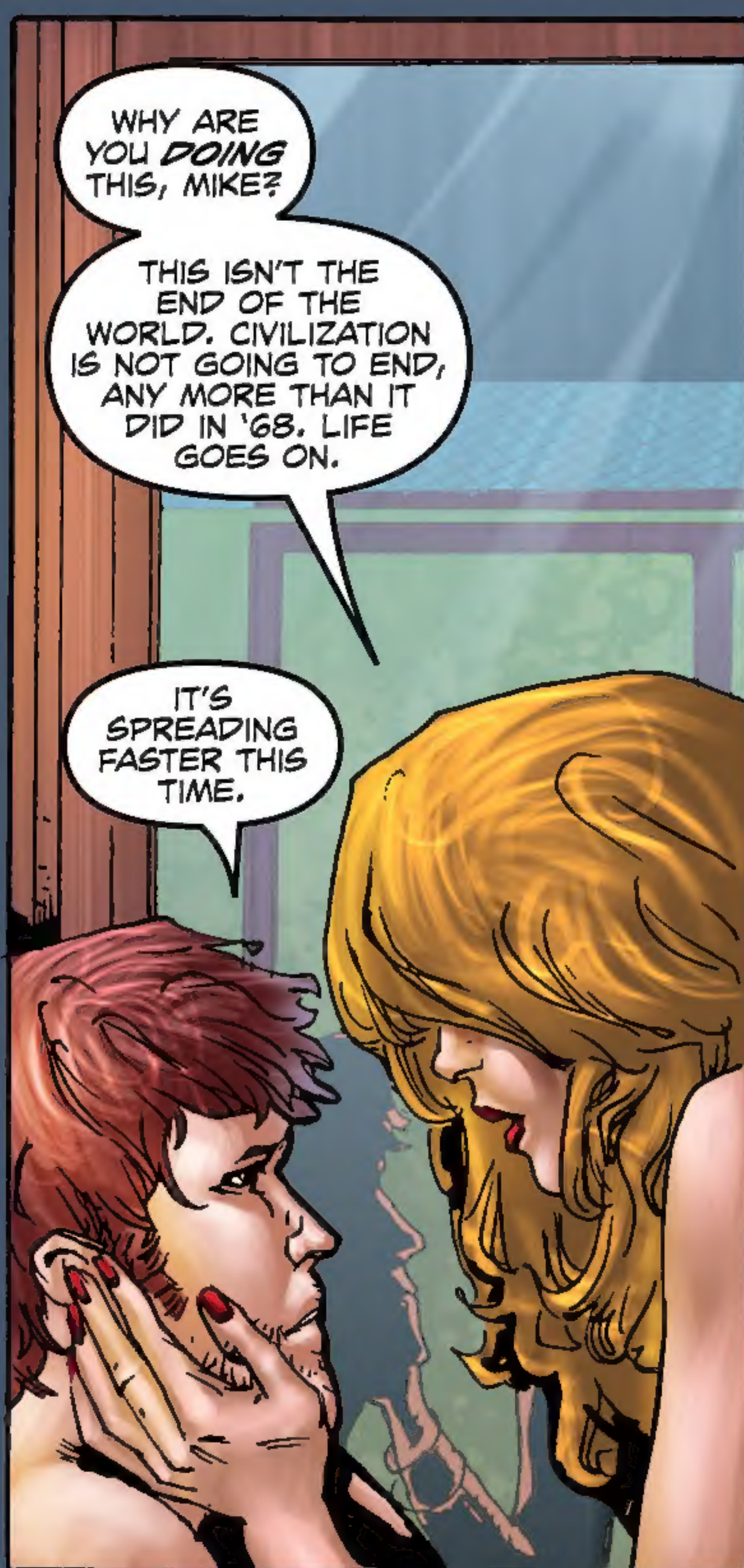
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I THINK...I'M PRETTY SURE... THAT I TOLD HER IT WAS TIME TO QUIT LIVING A LIE...



JESUS! HOW MUCH 'LIVING A LIE' DID YOU CHOOSE TO SHARE WITH HER?

I THINK I MAY HAVE MENTIONED YOUR NAME.



WHY ARE YOU *DOING* THIS, MIKE?

THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE WORLD. CIVILIZATION IS NOT GOING TO END, ANY MORE THAN IT DID IN '68. LIFE GOES ON.

IT'S SPREADING FASTER THIS TIME.



BUT WE'RE SAFE HERE, RIGHT?

EVERYONE SAYS VEGAS IS GOING TO BE OKAY.



IT'S ALMOST  
TWENTY-FOUR  
HOURS SINCE THE  
PRESIDENT  
DESIGNATED  
SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA A  
DISASTER AREA.

TAMMY,  
WHAT'S THE  
WORD FROM  
THE FLYING  
EYE?

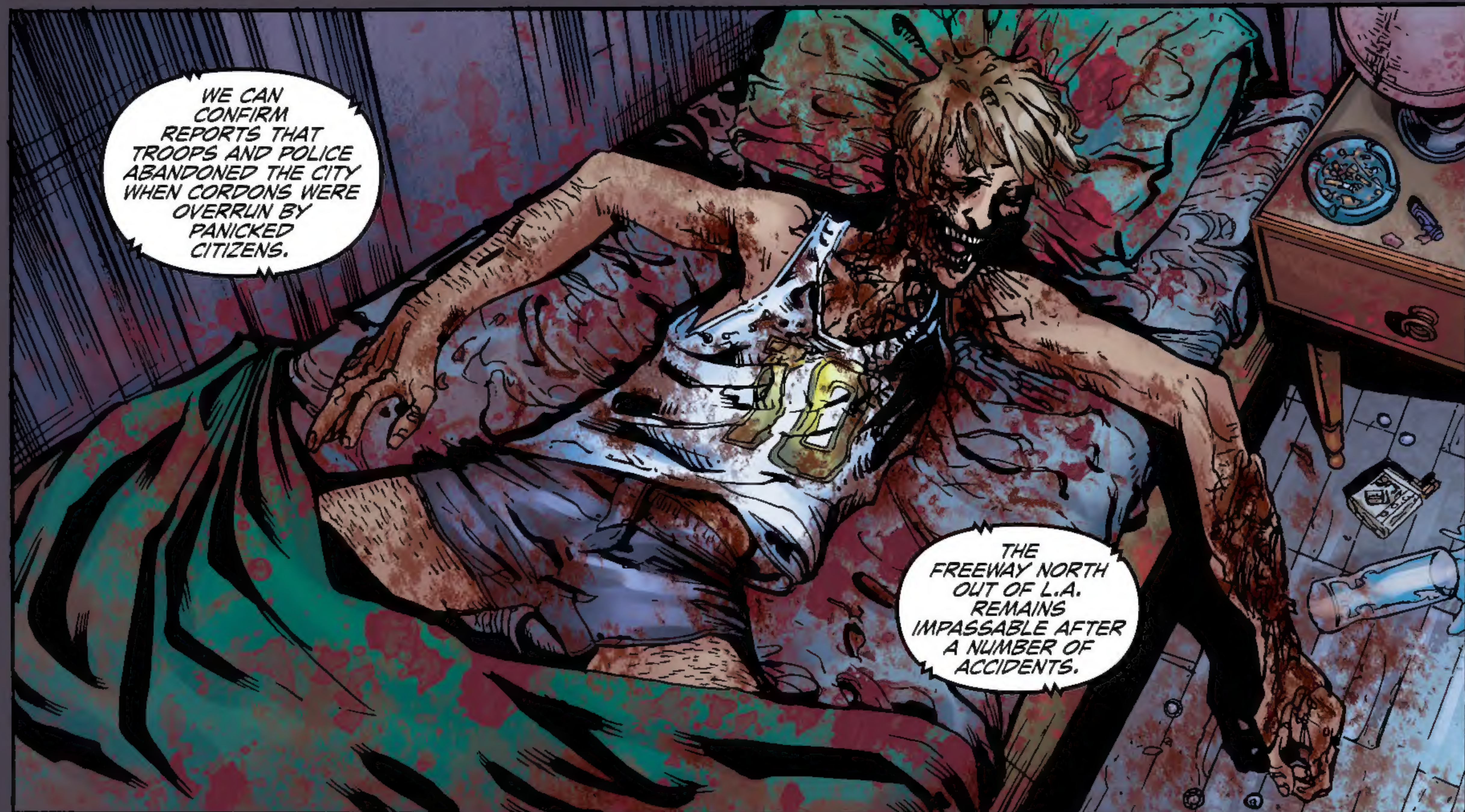


HELLO?  
EXCUSE ME,  
MAID  
SERVICE.

TODD,  
FROM UP HERE  
YOU CAN REALLY  
GET A SENSE OF  
HOW FAR THE  
EPIDEMIC HAS  
SPREAD.



THERE ARE  
FIRES ALL OVER  
L.A. FROM  
GLENDALE ALL  
THE WAY OVER  
TO RIVERSIDE.



WE CAN  
CONFIRM  
REPORTS THAT  
TROOPS AND POLICE  
ABANDONED THE CITY  
WHEN CORDONS WERE  
OVERRUN BY  
PANICKED  
CITIZENS.

THE  
FREEWAY NORTH  
OUT OF L.A.  
REMAINS  
IMPASSABLE AFTER  
A NUMBER OF  
ACCIDENTS.



THANKS,  
TAMMY. LATEST  
UPDATE IS THAT  
MARTIAL LAW HAS  
BEEN DECLARED IN  
EVERY MAJOR WEST  
COAST TOWN AND  
CITY.



THE INFECTED  
HAVE BEEN  
SHOWING UP IN SAN  
DIEGO AND THAT HAS  
LED TO MEXICO CLOSING  
ITS BORDERS, JUST AS  
THEY DID AT THE PEAK  
OF THE 1968  
OUTBREAK.



RUMOR HAS  
IT THAT CANADA  
IS ALSO  
CONSIDERING  
SHUTTING ITS  
BORDERS.



AY!  
DIOS  
MIO!



SANTA  
MARIA, MADRE  
DE DIOS, RUEGA  
POR NOSOTROS  
PESCADORES,  
AHORA...



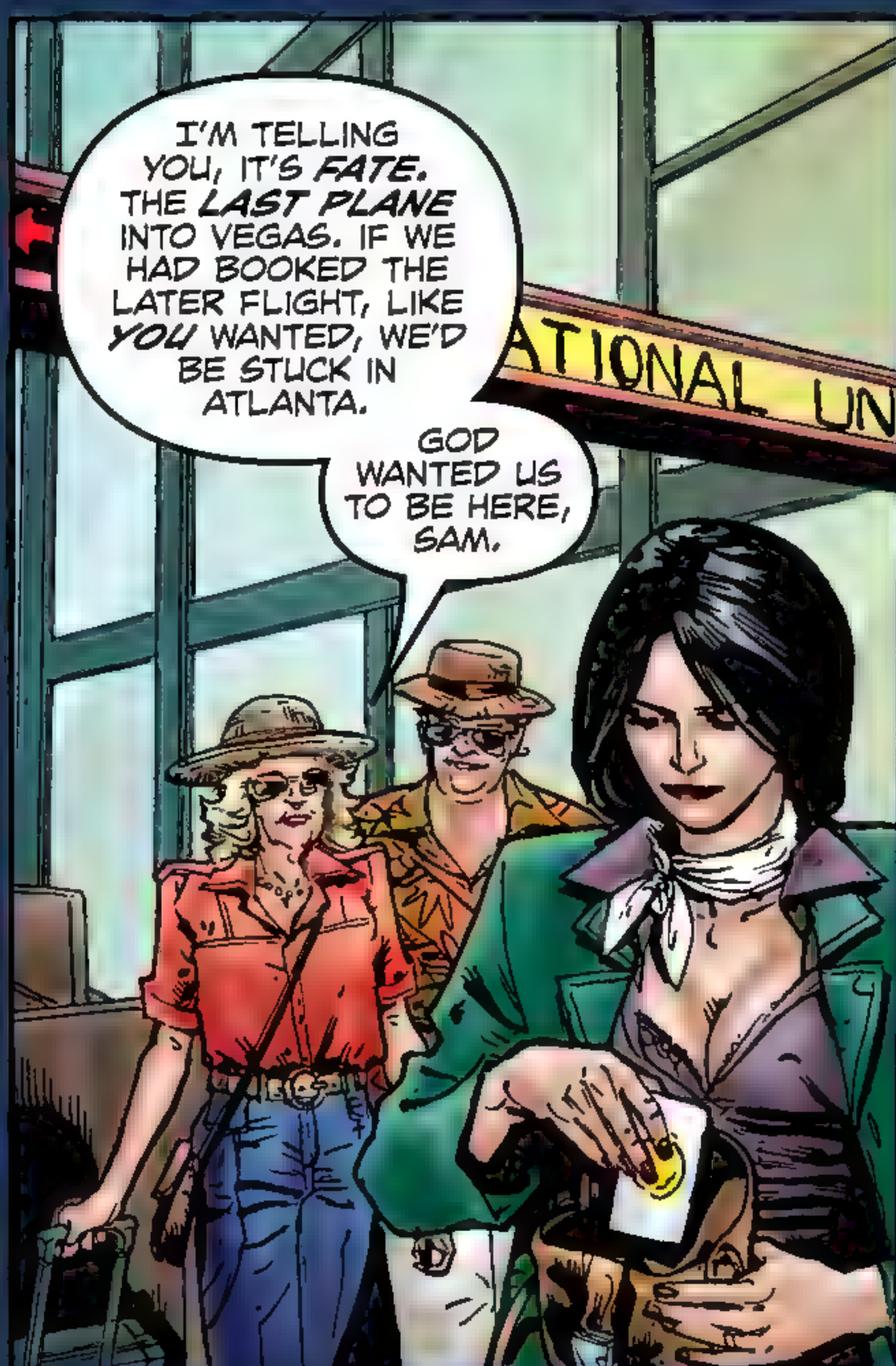
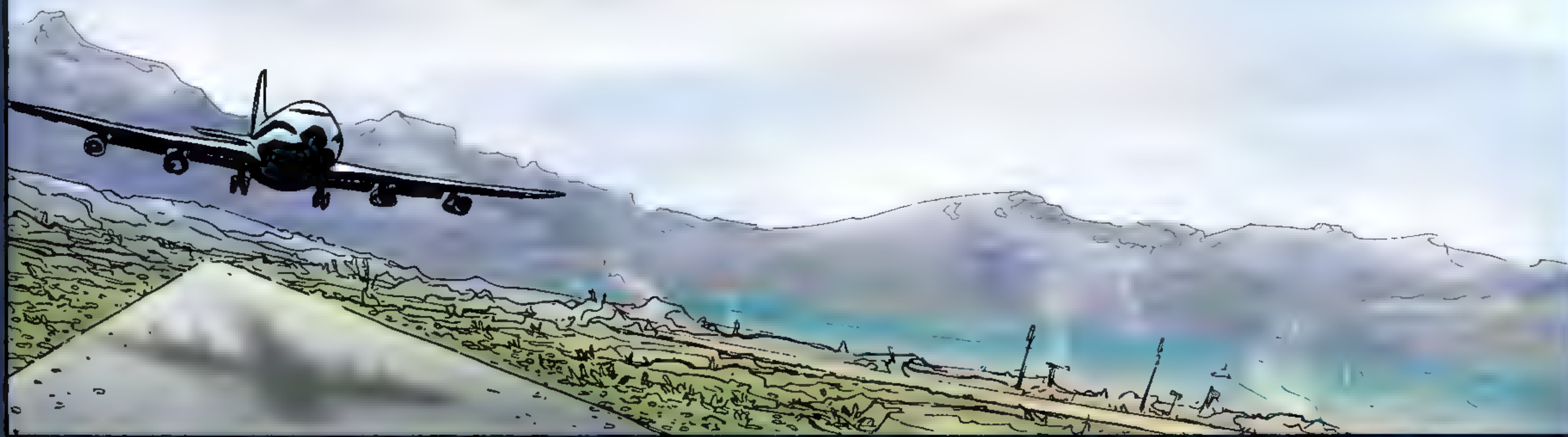
...Y EN LA  
HORA DE  
NUESTRA  
MUERTE.

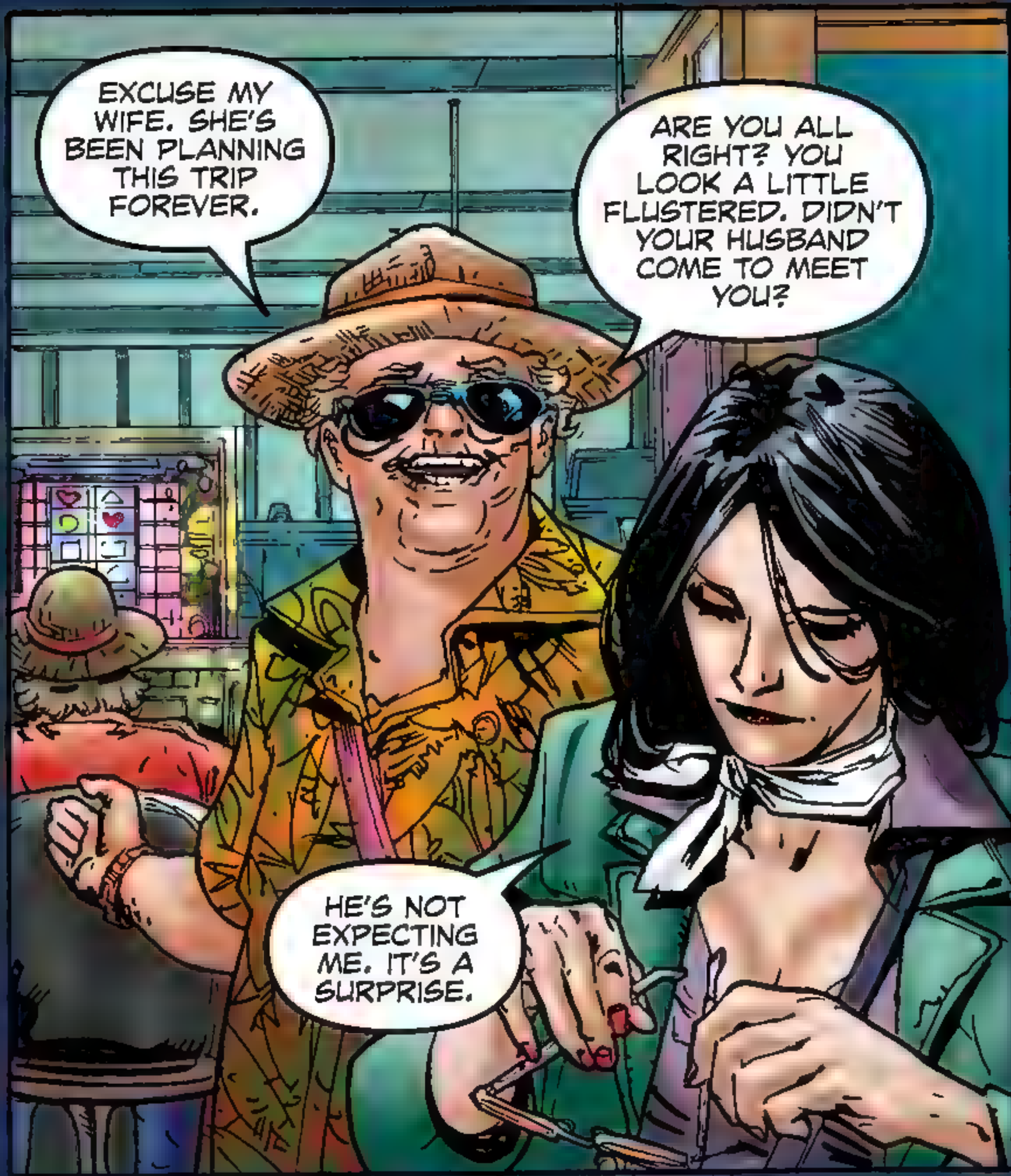
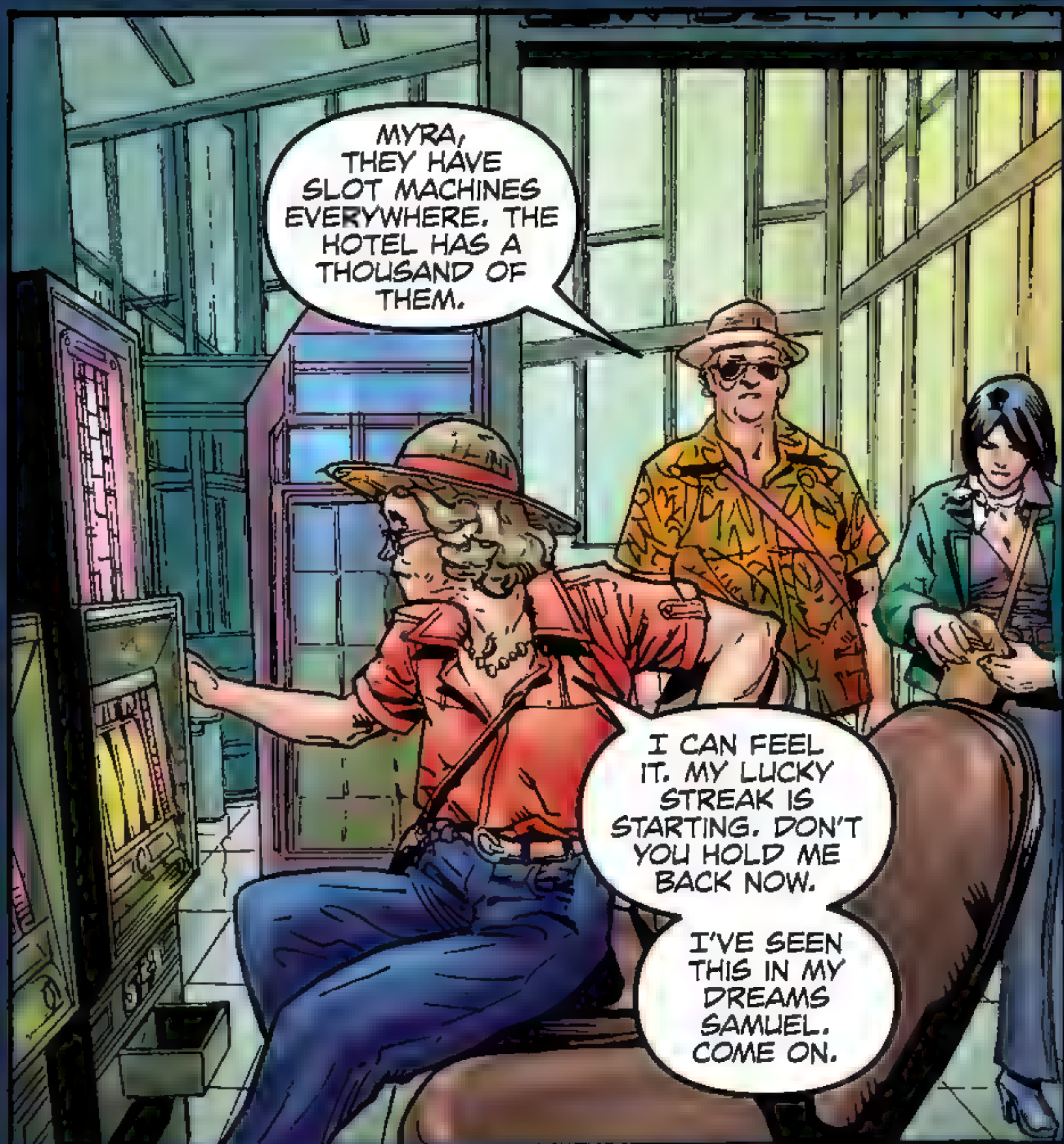


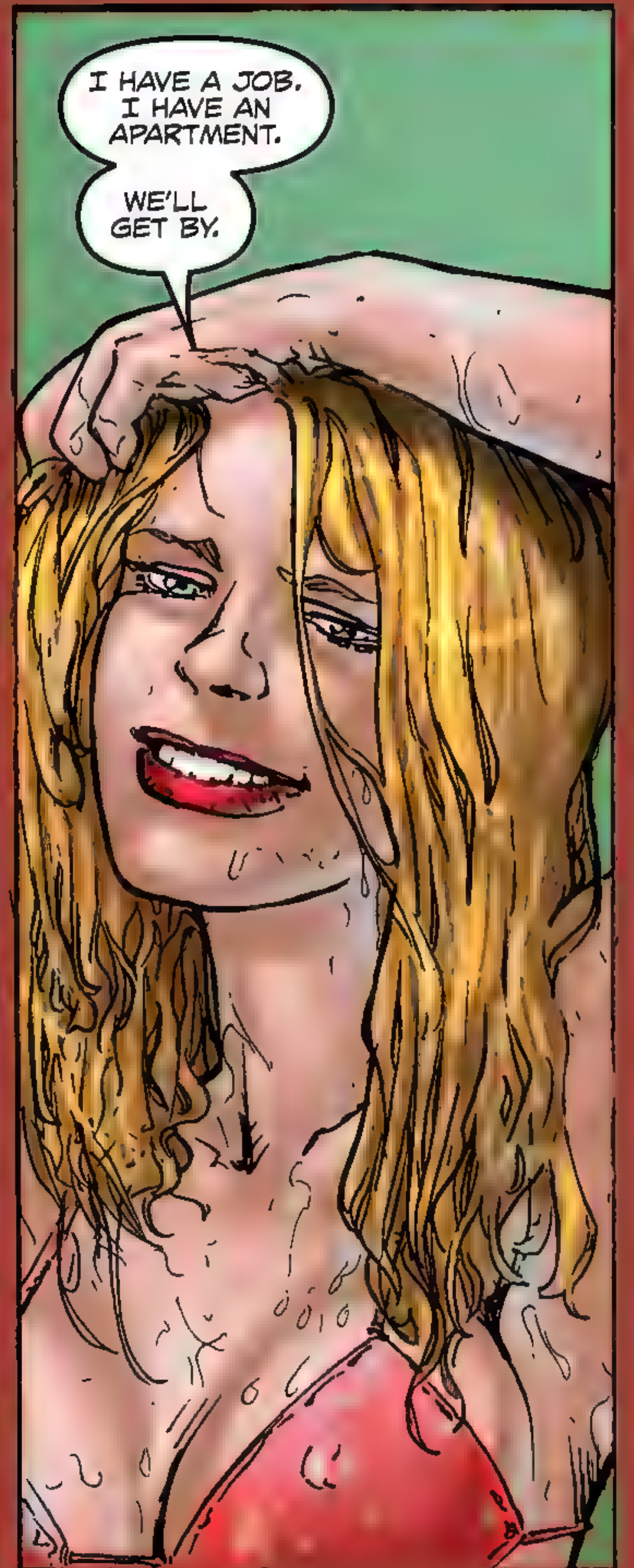
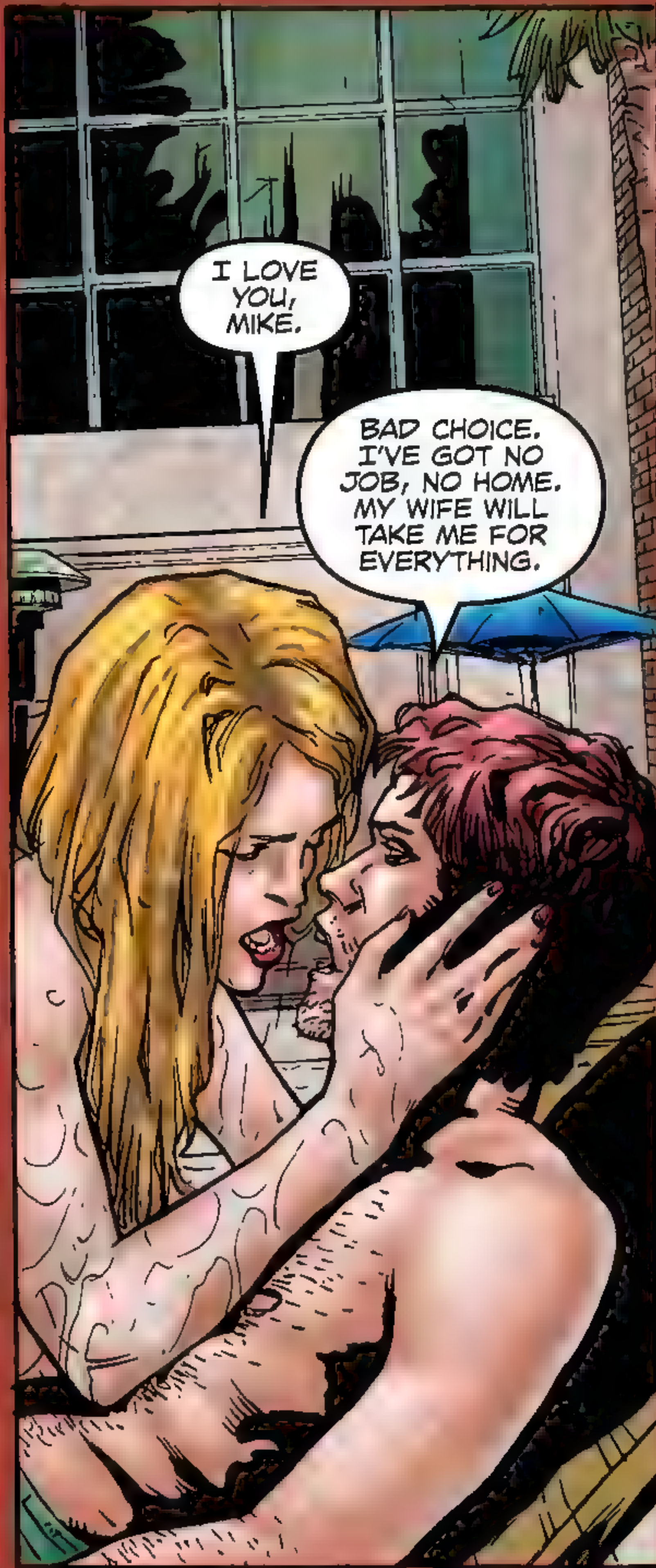
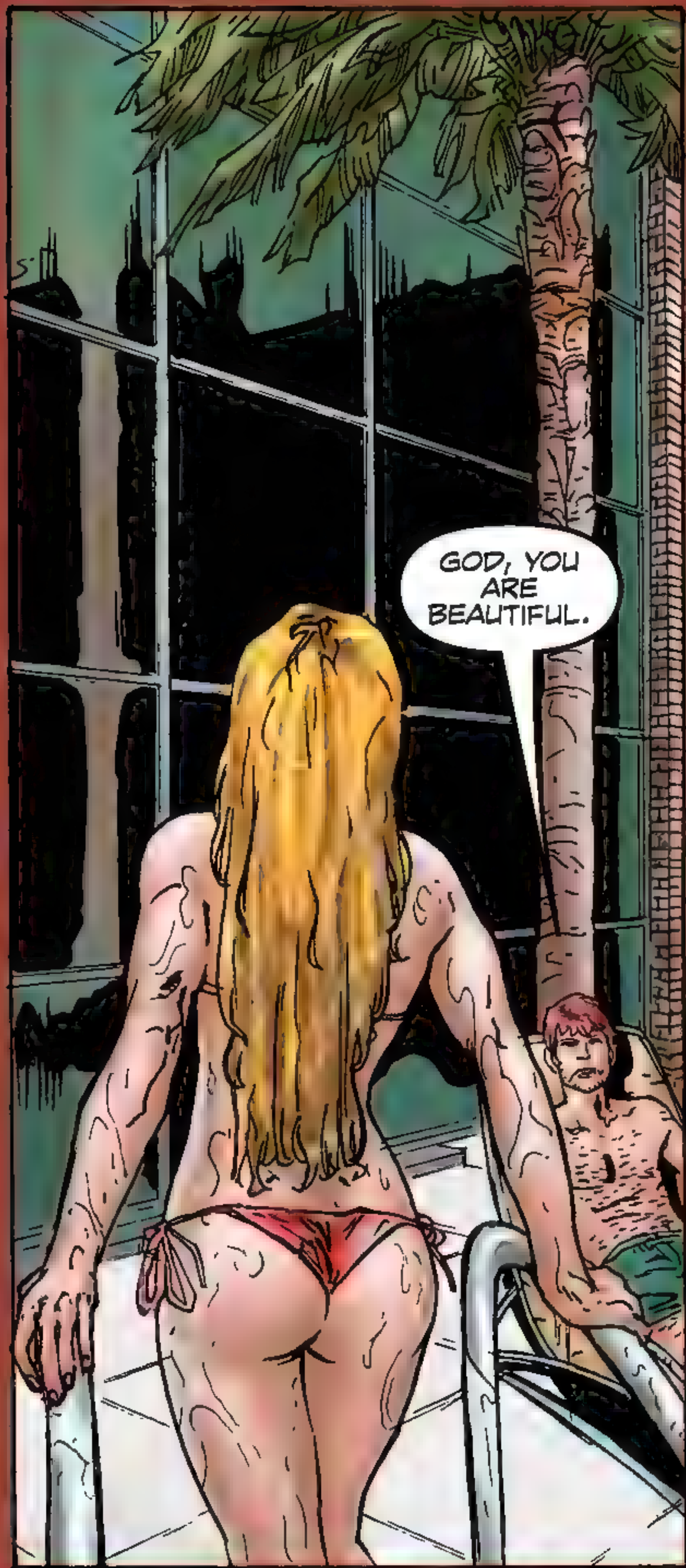
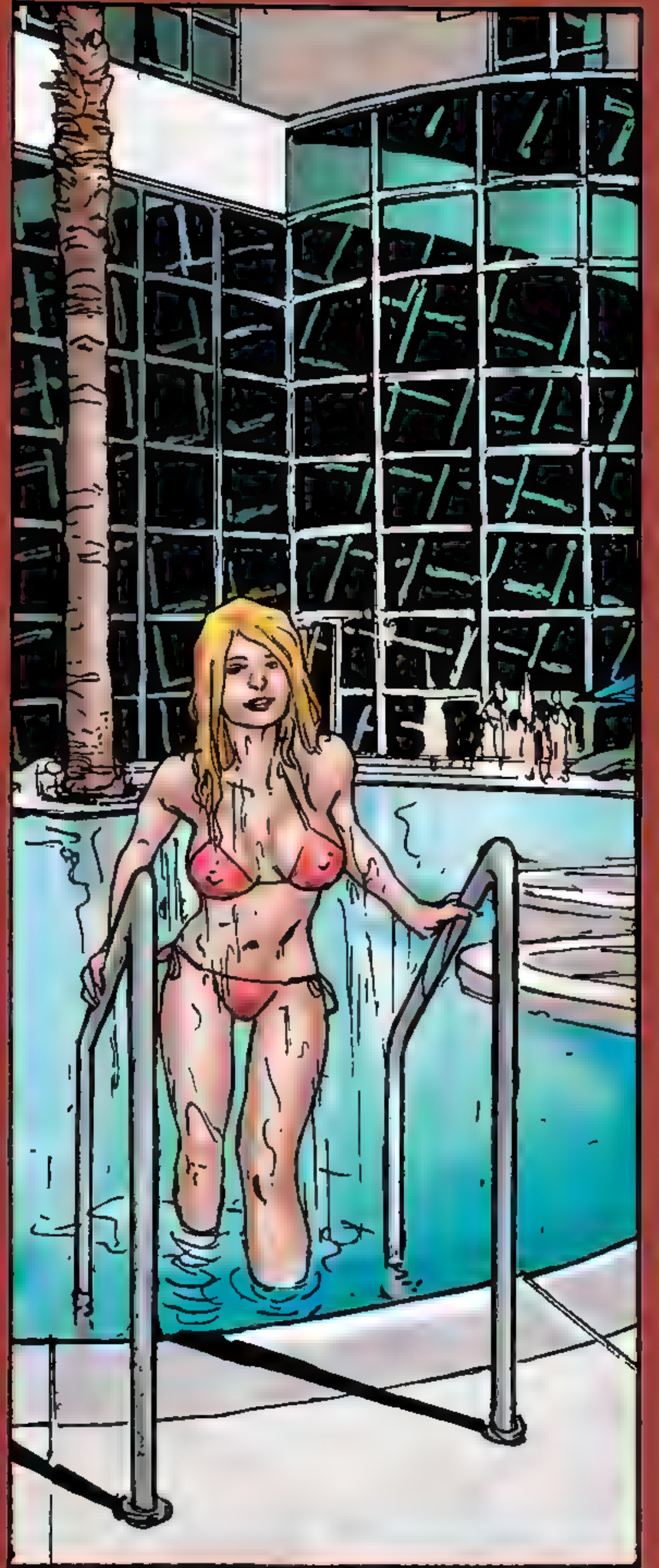
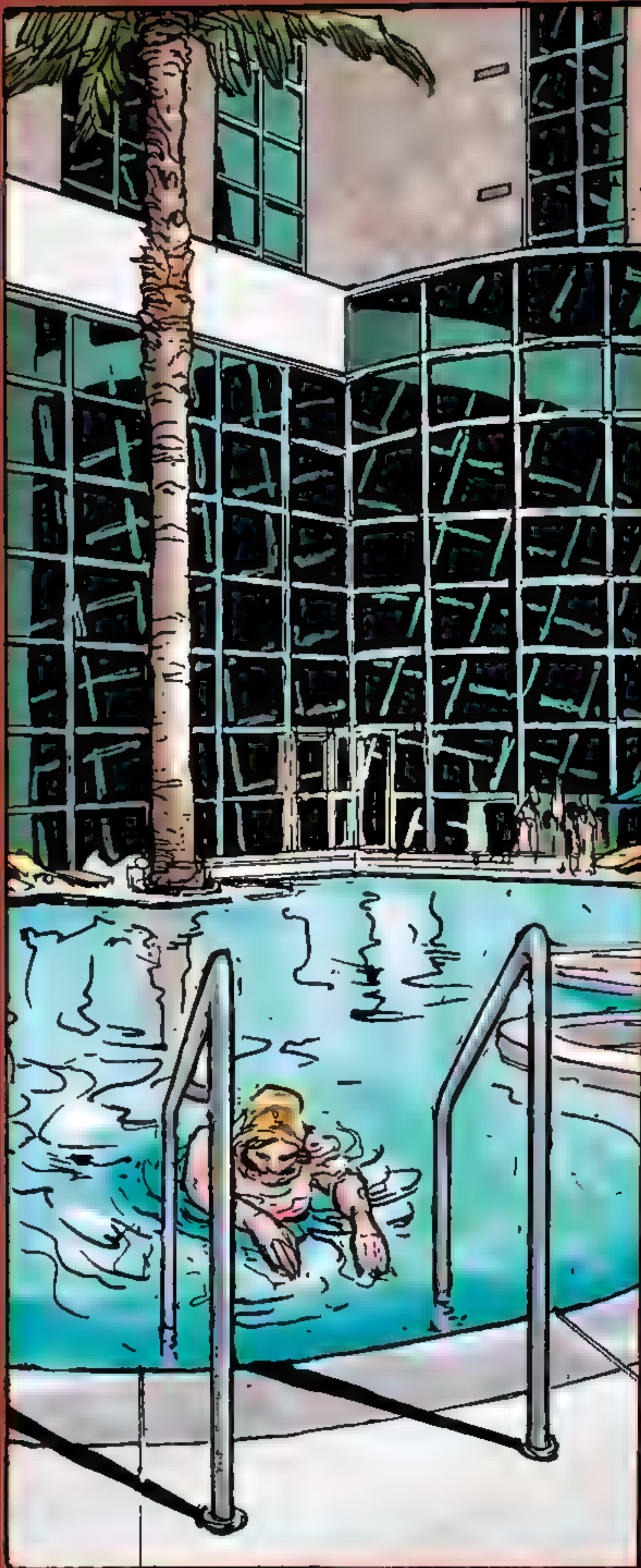
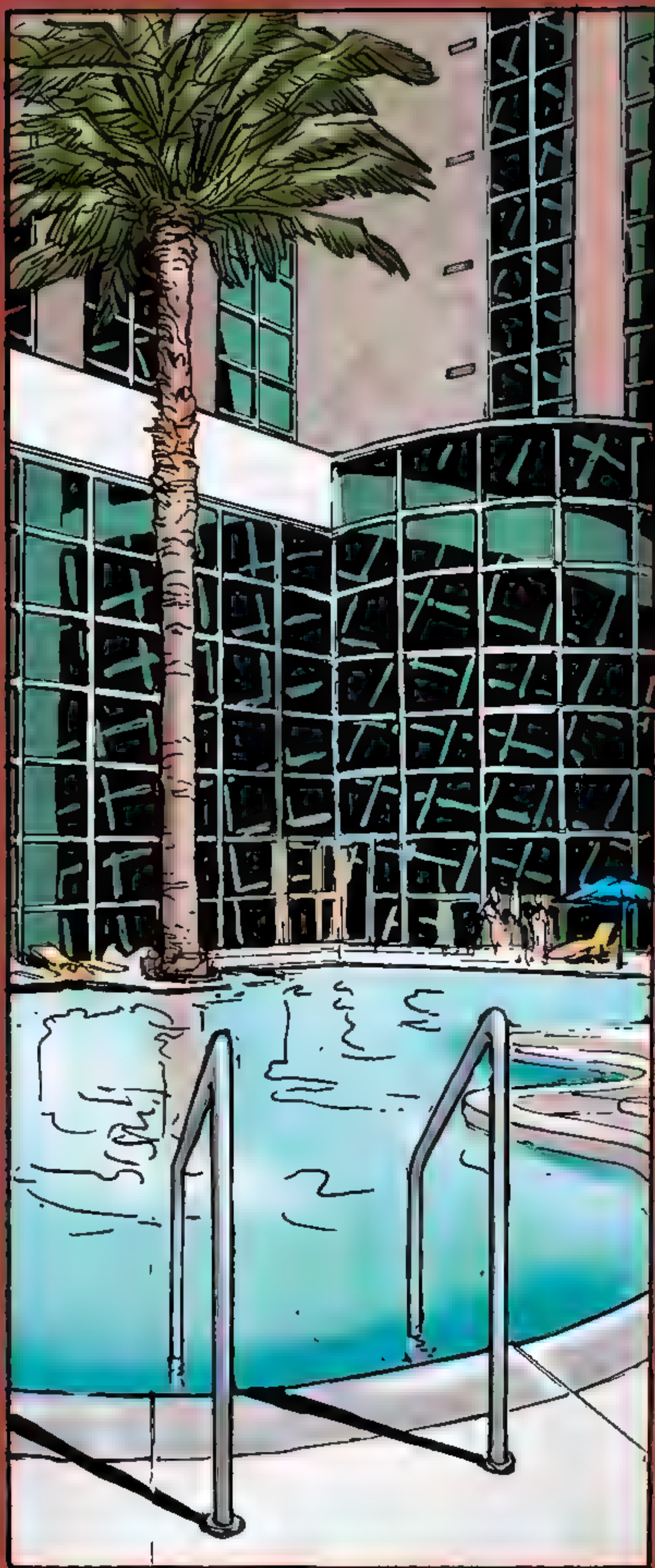
THIS JUST IN. THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS  
ANNOUNCED THAT ALL  
FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF  
LAS VEGAS ARE TO BE  
SUSPENDED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE. THE  
CITY IS EFFECTIVELY  
SHUT DOWN.

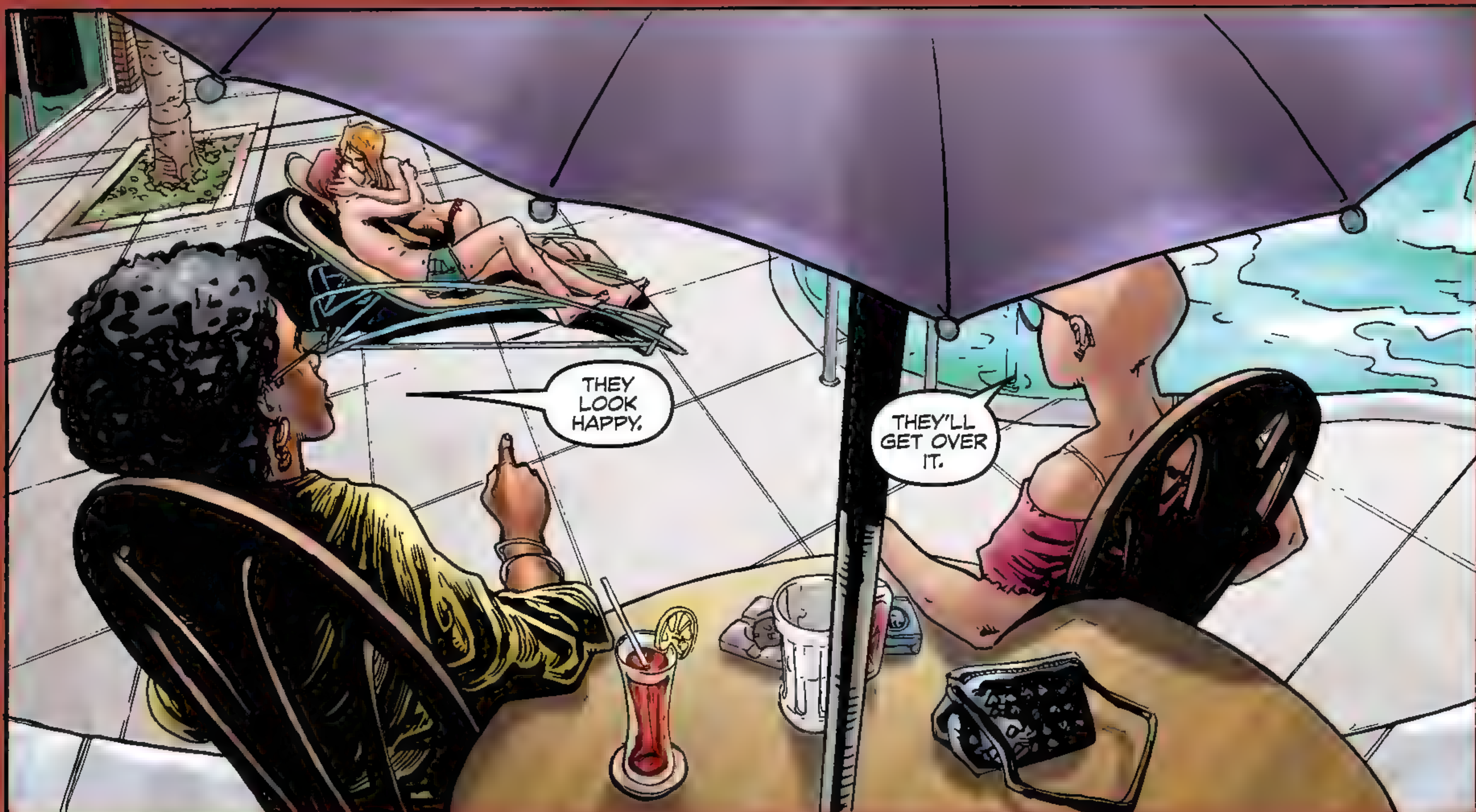
THE LAST  
FLIGHT INTO  
LAS VEGAS WILL  
BE TOUCHING  
DOWN ANY TIME  
NOW...

MCCARRAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT.









THEY  
LOOK  
HAPPY.

THEY'LL  
GET OVER  
IT.



AREN'T *YOU*  
THE CYNICAL  
ONE.

YEP. THAT'S  
RIGHT. CYNICAL,  
NO ACCOUNT,  
COLLEGE DROPOUT  
LOSER. A WASTE OF  
THE TAX PAYER'S  
MONEY.

I'M SURE  
MY OLD MAN  
HAS FILLED YOU  
IN ON ALL THE  
DETAILS.



ACTUALLY, YOUR  
FATHER IS VERY  
FOND OF YOU.

IF YOU'RE MY  
FATHER'S PERSONAL  
ASSISTANT, YOU  
SHOULD KNOW THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THE **BULLSHIT** HE  
SPOUTS FOR PUBLIC  
CONSUMPTION AND  
THE **REALITY**.

YOU  
KNOW...THE  
TRUTH THAT  
COMES FROM  
THE HEART.



MY  
FATHER IS  
DEEPLY  
ASHAMED  
OF ME.



WHY DON'T YOU  
GET INTO A BATHING  
SUIT AND WE CAN  
TAKE A SWIM. AT  
LEAST CATCH SOME  
SUN.

YOU'RE AS  
PALE AS A  
GHOST.

SERIOUSLY? DO I  
LOOK LIKE I  
SUNBATHE? I LIVE IN  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!  
YOU KNOW HOW **HARD**  
I WORK TO STAY THIS  
PALE?

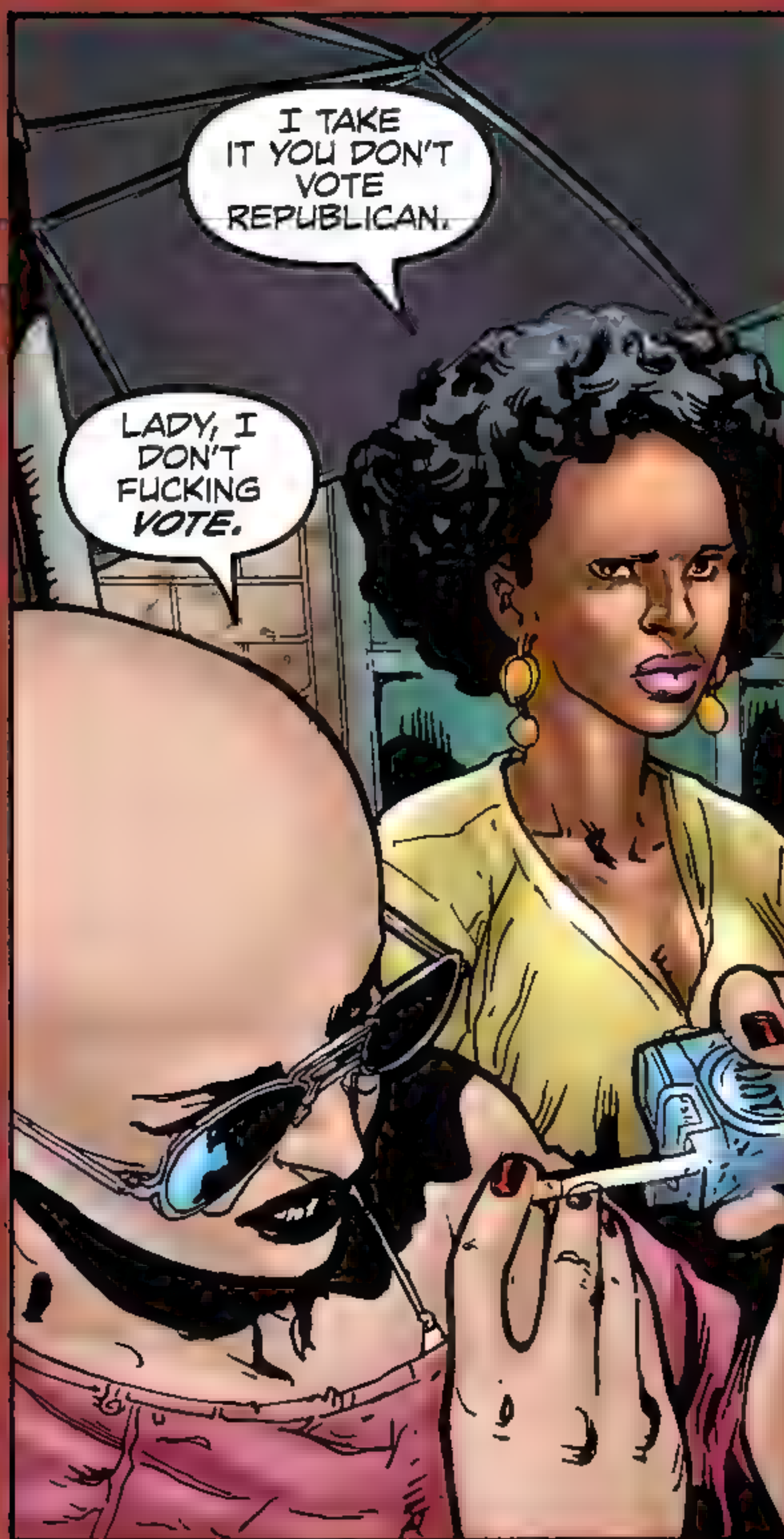


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WORKING FOR MY FATHER, ANYWAY?

YOU KNOW HE SUPPORTED THE WAR IN VIETNAM, ALL THE WAY TO THE END?

MAYBE I DID TOO.

GET OUT OF HERE.



I TAKE IT YOU DON'T VOTE REPUBLICAN.

LADY, I DON'T FUCKING VOTE.



YOUR FATHER IS A GOOD MAN. THIS COUNTRY IS GOING TO NEED PEOPLE LIKE HIM IN THE COMING DAYS.

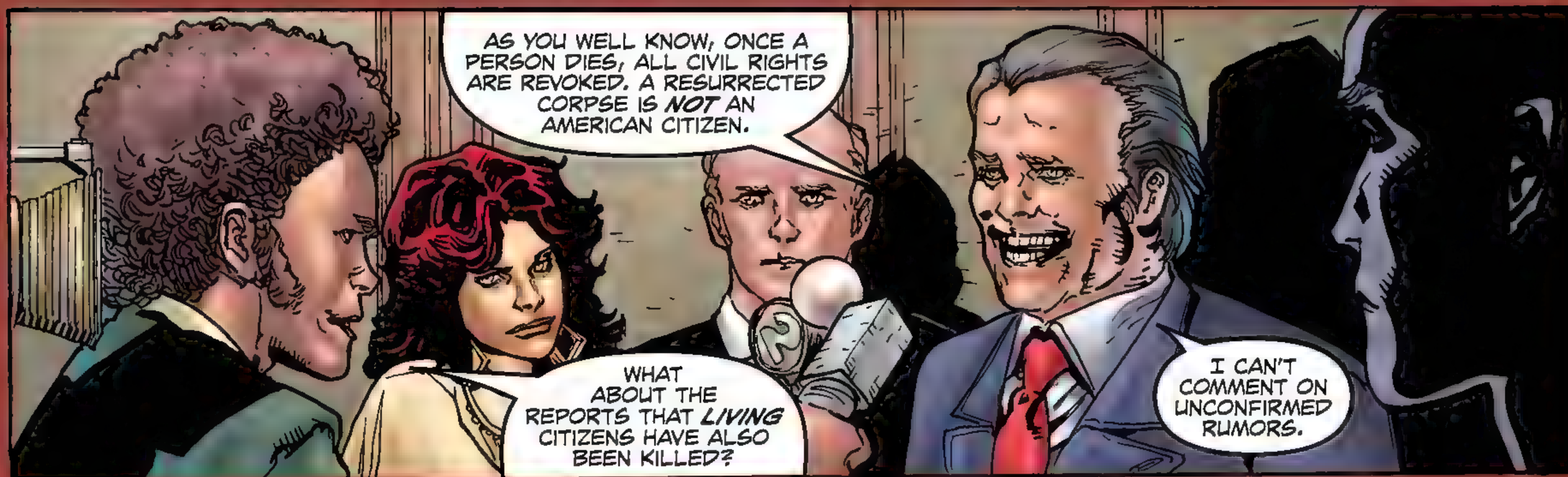
JESUS! YOU SOUND LIKE HIS SPEECHWRITER.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HE'S GOOD AT. SCHMOOZING THE MEDIA...



WE ALL NEED TO STAY CALM AND ALLOW THE POLICE AND THE TROOPS TO DO THEIR JOB.

DOES THAT INCLUDE SHOOTING AMERICAN CITIZENS?



AS YOU WELL KNOW, ONCE A PERSON DIES, ALL CIVIL RIGHTS ARE REVOKED. A RESURRECTED CORPSE IS *NOT* AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

WHAT ABOUT THE REPORTS THAT *LIVING* CITIZENS HAVE ALSO BEEN KILLED?

I CAN'T COMMENT ON UNCONFIRMED RUMORS.

